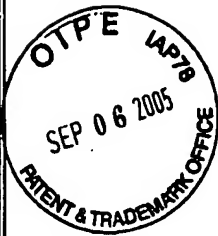


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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT - AFTER FINAL

Applicant: Doyle W. Eakin ) September 5, 2005  
 Appl. No.: 10/656,714 ) Attorney Docket No. RAR471.01  
 Filing Date: 09/04/2003 ) Group Art Unit 3643  
 Title: Plant Pot Drainage Tray ) Examiner: Valenti, Andrea M.

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated May 3, 2005, the applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light of the following:

1. The Examiner's Office Action dated May 3, 2005, provided for a three (3) month shortened statutory period, which expired August 3, 2005. This response/amendment is being filed on September 6, 2005, which is believed to be within the one month extension period in which to file a response/amendment (the 3<sup>rd</sup> falling on a Saturday and Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> being Labor Day). As a result, Applicant requests a one month extension and includes the one month extension fee of \$60.00 for the one month extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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Suggest amendment  
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